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## **Christine Klein Receives A.A.E. Airport Facilities Manager only the 3<sup>rd</sup> Alaskan with this credential**

*Anchorage, April 11, 2002* -- Christine Klein, Facilities Manager at Ted Steven's Anchorage International Airport has received the distinctive designation of Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) from the American Association of Airport Executives.

The A.A.E. is the highest credential recognized nationally in the airport profession. It requires commercial airport experience, a written examination, publishing a paper applicable industry wide, and a verbal examination by the board of examiners. Candidate's must meet national standards and exhibit a thorough knowledge of airport administration, finance, maintenance, operations, planning, construction, environmental, marketing, and community relations.

Klein was raised in rural Alaska near the community of Ketchikan. She started with the airport in 1992, after working in the oil and gas industry. In 2000 she was recipient of the prestigious Jay Hollingsworth-Speas National Airport Award for contributions to the aviation industry. Currently she is responsible for operations and maintenance of the airport's buildings and terminals.

Other A.A.E.'s in Alaska include Paul Bowers, Statewide Aviation Director, and John Barsalou, Properties Chief at Anchorage International. Klein now becomes the first woman A.A.E. in Alaska, and, the only person raised in the state to receive the credentials.

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